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For: STEPPING MOTOR, STEPPING MOTOR DEVICE AND DRIVING METHOD
THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 4-7 as follows:

4. (Amended) A stepping motor according to any one of claim 1, wherein the arc-shaped deformation preventing groove is provided along the circumference at the side end contacting the base to which the stepping motor is mounted.

5. (Amended) A stepping motor according to any one of claim 1, wherein the rotor is provided opposing the stator magnetic poles on a rotor yoke secured to the rotating shaft and a notch is provided in the rotor yoke in order to leak magnetism of the rotor,
further comprising a leakage flux detector for detecting leaking magnetic flux from the rotor, the leakage flux detector provided in a position opposing the notch.

6. (Amended) A stepping motor according to any one of claim 1, further comprising a leakage flux detector for detecting changes in magnetic poles, the leakage flux detector provided on a cylinder end surface of a cylindrical permanent magnet provided in a cylindrical shape opposing the stator magnetic poles on the rotor yoke secured to the rotating

shaft.

7. (Amended) A stepping motor according to claim 5, further comprising a rotary polygon mirror secured to the rotating shaft which is rotatably provided through the cylindrical bearing holder vertically mounted on the base to which the stepping motor is mounted, which rotates along with the rotating shaft, the rotary polygon mirror provided on the outer periphery of the rotor yoke with each mirror surface corresponding to a magnetic pole of the rotor of the stepping motor.

Please add new claims 11-20 as follows:

--11. A stepping motor according to any one of claim 2, wherein the arc-shaped deformation preventing groove is provided along the circumference at the side end contacting the base to which the stepping motor is mounted.--

--12. A stepping motor according to any one of claim 3, wherein the arc-shaped deformation preventing groove is provided along the circumference at the side end contacting the base to which the stepping motor is mounted.--

--13. A stepping motor according to any one of claim 2, wherein the rotor is provided opposing the stator magnetic poles on a rotor yoke secured to the rotating shaft and a notch is provided in the rotor yoke in order to leak magnetism of the rotor, further comprising a leakage flux detector for detecting leaking magnetic flux from the rotor, the leakage flux detector provided in a position opposing the notch.--

--14. A stepping motor according to any one of claim 3, wherein the rotor is provided opposing the stator magnetic poles on a rotor yoke secured to the rotating shaft and a notch is provided in the rotor yoke in order to leak magnetism of the rotor, further comprising a leakage flux detector for detecting leaking magnetic flux from the rotor, the leakage flux detector provided in a position opposing the notch.--

--15. A stepping motor according to any one of claim 4, wherein

the rotor is provided opposing the stator magnetic poles on a rotor yoke secured to the rotating shaft and a notch is provided in the rotor yoke in order to leak magnetism of the rotor,

further comprising a leakage flux detector for detecting leaking magnetic flux from the rotor, the leakage flux detector provided in a position opposing the notch.--

--16. A stepping motor according to any one of claim 2, further comprising a leakage flux detector for detecting changes in magnetic poles, the leakage flux detector provided on a cylinder end surface of a cylindrical permanent magnet provided in a cylindrical shape opposing the stator magnetic poles on the rotor yoke secured to the rotating shaft.--

--17. A stepping motor according to any one of claim 3, further comprising a leakage flux detector for detecting changes in magnetic poles, the leakage flux detector provided on a cylinder end surface of a cylindrical permanent magnet provided in a cylindrical shape opposing the stator magnetic poles on the rotor yoke secured to the rotating shaft.--

--18. A stepping motor according to any one of claim 4, further comprising a leakage flux detector for detecting changes in magnetic poles, the leakage flux detector provided on a cylinder end surface of a cylindrical permanent magnet provided in a cylindrical shape opposing the stator magnetic poles on the rotor yoke secured to the rotating shaft.--

--19. A stepping motor according to any one of claim 5, further comprising a leakage flux detector for detecting changes in magnetic poles, the leakage flux detector provided on a cylinder end surface of a cylindrical permanent magnet provided in a cylindrical shape opposing the stator magnetic poles on the rotor yoke secured to the rotating shaft.--

--20. A stepping motor according to claim 6, further comprising a rotary polygon mirror secured to the rotating shaft which is rotatably provided through the cylindrical

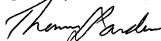
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bearing holder vertically mounted on the base to which the stepping motor is mounted, which
rotates along with the rotating shaft, the rotary polygon mirror provided on the outer
periphery of the rotor yoke with each mirror surface corresponding to a magnetic pole of the
rotor of the stepping motor.--

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 20 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 4-7 are
amended to remove multiple dependencies. Claims 11-20 are added to compensate for the
material deleted from claims 4-7. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is
respectfully requested.

The attached Appendix includes marked-up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R.
1.121(c)(1)(ii)).

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

Claims 11-20 are added.

The following are marked-up versions of the amended claims:

4. (Amended) A stepping motor according to any one of claim ~~1s-1 to~~ 3, wherein the arc-shaped deformation preventing groove is provided along the circumference at the side end contacting the base to which the stepping motor is mounted.
5. (Amended) A stepping motor according to any one of claim ~~1s-1 to~~ 4, wherein the rotor is provided opposing the stator magnetic poles on a rotor yoke secured to the rotating shaft and a notch is provided in the rotor yoke in order to leak magnetism of the rotor, further comprising a leakage flux detector for detecting leaking magnetic flux from the rotor, the leakage flux detector provided in a position opposing the notch.
6. (Amended) A stepping motor according to any one of claim ~~1s-1 to~~ 5, further comprising a leakage flux detector for detecting changes in magnetic poles, the leakage flux detector provided on a cylinder end surface of a cylindrical permanent magnet provided in a cylindrical shape opposing the stator magnetic poles on the rotor yoke secured to the rotating shaft.
7. (Amended) A stepping motor according to claim ~~5 or~~ 6, further comprising a rotary polygon mirror secured to the rotating shaft which is rotatably provided through the cylindrical bearing holder vertically mounted on the base to which the stepping motor is mounted, which rotates along with the rotating shaft, the rotary polygon mirror provided on

the outer periphery of the rotor yoke with each mirror surface corresponding to a magnetic pole of the rotor of the stepping motor.